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Republican Lawmakers Are Prudes, Adopt Pantyhose Policy

By Jennifer Published October 15, 2007 | Comments (129)

We spent this past weekend with two D.C. friends: one who works for a male Democratic senator, one who works for a female Republican senator. And so naturally the topic of weekend conversation veered immediately to the pressing issues preventing the two sides of the aisle from uniting and restoring the country to greatness, specifically, what to wear to work. Our Democrat friend wears Chuck Taylors and jeans to the Russell Building when Congress is in recess, no questions asked. But our Republican pal is not so lucky! Just last week, she was pulled aside by a supervisor and debriefed as to the ins-and-outs of Grand Old Party dressing. Open toe-shoes are a no-go, as are jeans. Heels are mandatory at all times. But most bizarre is the "pantyhose policy."

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Basically, pantyhose must be worn every day, she was told. Even in the summertime? Oh yes, and "no exceptions." Well, what about pantsuits? "Well, I suppose you can wear them," the supervisor sighed, "But you are going to need to check with the Senator herself whether or not you will need to wear hose under pants, as well. I'm not entirely sure of the Senator's stance on pantsuits at this time." And before you ask, "how the fuck would anyone even *know* if you were wearing pantyhose underneath a pantsuit" — we're going to wager something along the lines of "wide stance."

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stacyinbean (//kinja.com/stacyinbean) > Jennifer
10/15/07 3:41pm
(//kinja.com/stacyinbean)

I had an interview with a group that manages the endowment of an extremely prestigious university in the Boston area and was told by the headhunter that I MUST wear pantyhose with a suit even if I was wearing pants. Also, it had to be a full suit, no blazer with dress pants, which I prefer because I hate suits. Needless to say, I ended up in pantyhose and a skirt suit on a 92 degree day and didn't get the job.

Reply

fulanita (//kinja.com/fulanita) > Jennifer
10/15/07 5:31pm
(//kinja.com/fulanita)

FourthWaveBaby@: In law school, we were told NOT to wear pant suits to interviews "just in case." I did the opposite, figuring it would weed out the firms I didn't want to work for anyway.

I don't even own a pair of hose. What is there purpose?

Reply

fulanita (//kinja.com/fulanita) > Jennifer
10/15/07 3:55pm
(//kinja.com/fulanita)

Women in pantsuits or without stockings are still considered inappropriate in some courtrooms and in the more conservative law firms. Fight the power, y'all!

Reply

10/15/07 4:09pm

(//kinja.com/stacyinbean)

Jen82@: I tell my boss that I wear flats to save teh company money in the long run, he takes it from me but the rest of the girls are in heels at my office!

Reply

stacyinbean (//kinja.com/stacyinbean) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:07pm

(//kinja.com/stacyinbean)

GinaRomantica@: why yes it was!

Reply

fulanita (//kinja.com/fulanita) Jennifer
10/15/07 5:39pm

(//kinja.com/fulanita)

fulanita@: grrr..."their"

Reply

esmense (//kinja.com/esmense-old) Jennifer
10/16/07 6:05pm

(//kinja.com/esmense-old)

This reminds me of the dress codes for female office workers that were in place when I entered the workforce in the mid 60s. Along with the rule about hose and heels, there were rules for hairstyle, makeup, skirt length, etc. — that applied no matter how far from the public you toiled. Management's eagle-eyed obsession with the rules made you feel like you had never left school. Which is what I always thought was the point; to infanticize and emphasize your lack of control. Since the prospect of advancement didn't exist, this wasn't about dressing for success. It was about meeting your betters often arbitrary, at times even nonsensical, standards. A standard that, in a kind of creepy way, was meant to reflect your bosses' economic status rather than your own lowly earnings.

For instance, once while I was working at Xerox in San Francisco I walked in on a

notorious bully who was famous for loud, abusive tirades — which including throwing heavy objects — aimed at his female staff. But that wasn't why she was crying. Her boss had, after, on several occasions, rudely expressing his disapproval of the cloth purse she carried (a gift from her mother), presented her with an expensive leather one from Saks, that probably cost as much as her weekly salary. I'm sure he thought he was being generous. But it was a grossly inappropriate, overly personal gesture that emphasized her subordination — and totally humiliated her.

Sorry to wander down memory lane — my point is, there's something off, in my estimation, about a boss who, in this day and age, doesn't feel they can trust educated, highly qualified staff members, working in a highly competitive environment, to figure out how to dress appropriately on their own.

Reply

habibi (//kinja.com/habibi-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:52pm
(//kinja.com/habibi-old)

I worked on the Hill a couple of years ago and we had the pantyhose rule as well. My boss pulled me aside after my first week of working there and gave me specific guidelines on what was appropriate attire for the office (I did not come into working looking like Mariah Carey or anything - I just wore black skirts and short sleeved shirts). I had to wear dark or khaki suits with nude color pantyhose and dark colored heels with a chunky heel. On "Casual Fridays" we did not have to wear suits but we still had to dress like we were going to teach Sunday school and were banned from wearing linen which I never understood. Needless to say, I'm glad that I now work someplace where I could get away with wearing pajamas.

Reply

ZippyTortoise (//kinja.com/zippytortoise-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:56pm
(//kinja.com/zippytortoise-old)

This makes me think of that Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders reality show (which btw is completely disgusting but I couldn't turn it off because I was frozen with horror at the

watching incredibly skinny women get told they're fat (at least I'm used to that). The pantyhose thing, though- wtf? These women are already ridiculous sexual stereotypes dressed in skimpy costumes that reveal their abdomens and a lot of cleavage, but they have to wear pantyhose to keep it classy or something?

Sorry this is kind of off topic, but I saw that show a few nights ago and that's been bothering me ever since.

Reply

FourthWaveBaby (//kinja.com/fourthwavebaby-o... Jennif...
10/15/07 4:02pm
(//kinja.com/fourthwavebaby-old)

ZippyTortoise@: re: the law firms and courtrooms, so horrifyingly true (at least the latter - women wear pants suits in almost all firms). i am a law student at a "prestigious school" (that pretends to be progressive and is probably the same one mentioned above with the endowment) and there was a poll on a law-related web site about whether women should wear skirt suits to clerkship interviews, and 56% of people thought they should not. i basically threw up in my mouth and proceeded to wear a pantsuit to all MY interviews and land an appellate clerkship despite not only have abortion work all over my resume but actually daring to wear PANTS. fight the patriarchy people!

Reply

hfree (//kinja.com/hfree) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:17pm
(//kinja.com/hfree)

Ugh. pantyhose under a pantsuit?!? Remembering the fact that most pantsuits made for a girl on a budget are not natural fibers and that some women wear those ridiculous VS contraptions and combine those with nylon? Guaranteed yeast infection. My mother has warned me of the dangers of this combo since day one. Ew. Hose should only be warn with skirts, the vajayjay has got to breath. See the GOP hates women! Even the GOP women hate women.

learned how to properly walk in them). If I had a job where I couldn't wear flats I would be in big trouble, and I would probably sue. What about wedges? Can your friend wear those? Or are they too trendy? I find this fascinating, BTW.

Reply

thegreatladies (//kinja.com/thegreatladies-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:53pm
(//kinja.com/thegreatladies-old)

Ooohhh good personal rant: (feel free not to read)

My boss is the very definition of ineptitude. Seriously. He has eaten, repeat, EATEN, a Styrofoam cup while in a meeting with a huge client.

His work uniform consists of slacks and a button down. His socks are usually red or some other really bright color. His belts are the kind with lizards and shit on them. His ties—if he ever wears one—have never been cleaned. You can actually see the spots.

I hate him so much.

If it's Friday, he'll go to a meeting in flip flops and an untucked t-shirt. Doesn't matter that we're meeting with the president of a bank.

I really, really hate him.

Anyway, I was going out to a meeting one day in a pencil skirt, heels, a silk blouse and a denim jacket. And he had the fucking balls to tell me, on my way out the door, that I was dressed inappropriately.

I believe his actual words were, "Honey, this is big girl business."

??????? Have you seen what you wear, you fucking ass hat!

He made me change into a cropped black jacket I had in my office. My skirt was brown, and the proportions of it with the jacket made me look like I shopped for work clothes in the juniors section.

off. I hope he gets diarrhea that never ends and that I find a new job soon.

Reply

atxcatrancher (//kinja.com/atxcatrancher) Jennifer
10/15/07 5:08pm
(//kinja.com/atxcatrancher)

hamburgerhotdogBiscuitDoughJones@: @: Yeak, last time I checked, keeping a shine on your shoes and wearing a tie didn't cause any health problems. Unlike panty hose (ingrown toenails, yeast infections) and heels (back problems, knee problems, bunions, more ingrown toenails.) Not to mention something that BDJ said earlier, but it got lost in the shuffle - suits, ties, shirts, dresses, slacks and highly polished shoes are all outerwear. Pantyhose is *underwear*. What you wear as underwear is nobody's damn business but your own. I can see the fine line there with "if you wear a skirt, please wear hose", but if you're wearing pants? What you wear under those pants is nobody's business at all. Man or woman.

Reply

ZippyTortoise (//kinja.com/zippytortoise-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 5:13pm
(//kinja.com/zippytortoise-old)

OK, I don't feel so bad about my morbid obsession with the DCC show anymore, now that I know I'm not alone. They sucker you in with the marathons, then you keep watching to see what the candidates do in that bizarre talent show the coaches make them do at tryouts and to see if Katie or Jessica or whoever is deemed to be fat that week manages to lose ten pounds and not get kicked off by the evil coach/choreographer ladies. Now that the hideous hose have been explained to me though, I'm having awful mental images of grass stains on them and leg hairs poking out of them.

thegreatladies@: I love that the Hooters girls not only have to wear the ugly hose, but also scrunched white socks over them. I mean, damn.

Reply

I refuse to work for a company that requires me to wear pantyhose. I'm not kidding. And while I sort of understand the no-open-toed-shoes policies, I can't support them.

I think if your legs are shaved, free of visible cuts and bruises, and generally well-maintained, going without pantyhose is great. If you have a bruise or don't feel like shaving, I guess that's what pants or maybe thigh-highs are for. Or even tights. And as far as open-toed shoes go, well-maintained feet seem fine to show off, to me. I wouldn't be able to wear open-toed shoes under my own policy, there, but still. It's common sense.

At my high school grad, incidentally, we wore white robes which were so see-through that a white dress with a baby-pink sash, worn by a fellow graduate, was clearly visible. Tough to shop for, that day was.

Reply

DramaClub (//kinja.com/DramaClub) Jennifer
10/16/07 2:13am
(//kinja.com/DramaClub)

groupie@: I don't really even think about them anymore. My husband doesn't care one way or the other and never has. Outside of work I wear whatever I want - shorts, capris, I have even been known to wear a mini back in the day. If people want to stare or ask questions or look away, I don't care. My scars don't define me.

But they are pretty bad and I don't want to make any clients uncomfortable. They are supposed to notice my work, not my body. Wearing pants is an extension of my own personal policy not to wear anything provocative at work. No deeeeep v-necks, no bare upper arms, nothing too tight. I don't dress like a grandma but I dress in a way that does not draw attention away from my work.

Reply

SanFranLefty (//kinja.com/SanFranLefty) Jennifer
10/16/07 2:36am
(//kinja.com/SanFranLefty)

easy.

For a weird reason I think about this issue a lot as a second wave feminist - as much as I find any sort of pantyhose policy horrific, I'm old enough that I'm tired of explaining to the 23 year old interns in my office that flip-flops - plus low-slung jeans that show the thong, tramp stamp, and muffin top all at once - and a hoochie mama tank top are not appropriate to wear to the office, let alone to an important meeting where they "shadow" me. Most of my coworkers roll their eyes and completely ignore and write off a generation of smart women who inexplicably want to dress like slutty/bratz/sex toolz/morons - and as big of feminists they are, they relate to and want to help the male interns who don't hobble themselves in ridiculous shoes and jeans... I find myself as the only one in the office with the compassion/patience to explain to the female youngsters who cross my office's path that for someone who goes to Stanford or Harvard or Berkeley they are doing themselves no favors by wearing skin-tight American Apparel t-shirts with oh-so-cute/hipster/ironic double entendre catch phrases on their titties with jeans that show the thong.

All this said - I think I last bought pantyhose in 1994 - so there's a way to keep things in the office marginally classy and not revert to the dark ages, as 16th century torture devices aren't as effective as the pantyhose.

↪ Reply

take it as red (//kinja.com/take-it-as-red-old) Jennifer
10/16/07 7:48am
(//kinja.com/take-it-as-red-old)

I couldn't imagine working in a mandatory pantyhose sort of environment. One of the perks of working at a small architecture office last year was the freedom to wear almost anything you wanted, so long as you weren't meeting with clients. My coworker, a firm associate, used to arrive some days in yoga pants and a sports top and sit barefoot and cross-legged in her office chair. Another coworker returned from a month-long trip to India and decided to wear an arabic logo tee with jeans every day for a month. The extremely fashionable marketing director once showed up sporting a belt that appeared to be adorned with bullet cartridges

appropriately when they were meeting with clients, which everyone did without fail.

Reply

Traumamama71 (//kinja.com/traumamama71-old) Jennifer
10/16/07 12:53pm
(//kinja.com/traumamama71-old)

Hmmmm....I'd get the hose with the seams up the back (black, of course.)

What about fishnets? Or some hideous color, like the ones in "Working Girl"? Those are hose.

I personally LIKE wearing hose and heels to work. But TELL me I have to? I'm a nurse and a paramedic, but I work for a PI lawyer now. I had a nursing supervisor try to enforce a certain color scrubs one time, after I had just spent about $100.00 on new uniforms. I informed her that when I was given a uniform allowance, or the department bought my work clothes for me (like when I was a paramedic), she could pick the color. Never heard about it again.

It is sad, however, that the reason some places have dress codes is due to what some people consider appropriate professional attire. Holy shit...

Reply

ae38 (//kinja.com/ae38-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:40pm
(//kinja.com/ae38-old)

Eh...same went when I worked on Wall Street. With the cold ass A/C, it was never a big deal...though waiting for the subway with pantyhose on could be brutal. I did spend like at least a hundred dollars a week on panythose, though I'm now an expert on the best brands (Calvin Klein and DKNY rock!).

Reply

summerwheatley (//kinja.com/summerwheatley... Jenni...

common in the 'R' offices and my friends who are subject to those rules hate them. I had a friend who worked for a Member who wouldn't even allow the women to wear pants! So in the butt ass cold DC winter, she had to suffer in a skirt. LAME. I was lucky...I used to wear jeans and flip flops when Congress was out, no questions asked.

Reply

BiscuitDoughJones (//kinja.com/biscuitdoughj... Jenn...
10/15/07 3:46pm
(//kinja.com/biscuitdoughjones-old)

Why? Just... WHY?

At my HS graduation, all the girls were forced to wear a dress- not a top and skirt, a DRESS underneath our cap 'n gown (why something you can't see even matters, I dunno), plus white (wtf?) shoes and pantyhose. I did none of the above b/c I'm an asshole.

Guess what? No one noticed!

Reply

leMaldeTete (//kinja.com/lemaldetete-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:48pm
(//kinja.com/lemaldetete-old)

Yahhh, it's not so different where I work. Old school...

You know what? As much as I hate "dressing" for work somedays, I like to pretend it's my work costume. Like Career Barbie but with hose and a bra and less purple eyeshadow. I think there is definitely something to dressing as well as you can muster in a professional setting; it ups your game a little.

Also: a good looking man in a well fit suit is a beautiful thing.

Reply

I'm not surprised. I have a friend who works for a conservative Christian college, and she has to wear hose. Why would the GOP be any different than a conservative Christian college?

That said, I don't OWN any pantyhose. Today I look super professional in my knee-length skirt, no pantyhose, and a huge band-aid on my knee because my dog pulled me off my bike on Friday. The bitch.

Reply

Megan Carpentier (//kinja.com/megan-carpenti... Jenni...
10/15/07 3:49pm
(//kinja.com/megan-carpentier-old)

Oh, this doesn't surprise me at all. Recess is a great time to see who is uptight about dress codes. It's not all an R/D split, though.

Plus, one of my friends works in a lobby shop with a policy of no open-toed shoes, stockings required. She, however, is allowed to wear pants.

My guess, though, is she works for Kay Bailey. I've heard she's a bit batshit. I can't think it's one of the Mainers, Murkowski seems too young to be so anal and Dole's had a real job.

Reply

Namennayo (//kinja.com/namennayo-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:49pm
(//kinja.com/namennayo-old)

Does this come down to the old adage that if men see any bit of female flesh or womanly form, they'll go berserk and molest the woman because they just can't help themselves?

Or are Republicans and their voters so locked in a goosestep that they can't stomach seeing staffers who are more than lackeys/robots, as shown through their individualistic senses of style?

lfw1031 (//kinja.com/lfw1031-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:54pm
(//kinja.com/lfw1031-old)

richcreamerybutter@: I'm stunned since KBH must be sweltering in that Texas heat whilst wearing her nude CK shapers!

Olympia Snowe probably lets everyone wear corduroy and cotton as she's from bone-chilling cold Maine. NO ONE wears a skirt in Maine from October thru April...even if they happen to be in DC. It's wired into their DNA.

Reply

Sweet Panda Love (//kinja.com/ms-muffy) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:00pm
(//kinja.com/ms-muffy)

I get the feeling that the staffers are asked to adhere to the same dress code the Senator forces upon herself. I've never worked a job that requires skirts, hose or heels, and don't imagine I could.

And not to sound like a Virginia Slims ad, but this is pretty minor compared to the way women used to be treated in the workplace. I know someone who worked at the Federal Reserve in the '60s, and was made to wear a girdle in addition to skirt/hose/heels, and was asked what kind of birth control she and her husband used during her interview. And she was an economist with advanced degrees.

Reply

atxcatrancher (//kinja.com/atxcatrancher) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:00pm
(//kinja.com/atxcatrancher)

ZippyTortoise@: I'd think it would help with grass burns when they do those splits after their **world famous kick line.**

BTW - my boyfriend lives in Dallas right around the corner from the DCB training camp, so watching that show is a little weird. There were a pair of girls staying in his apartment

Reply

type_slowly (//kinja.com/typeslowly-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:00pm
(//kinja.com/typeslowly-old)

This reminds me of when Claire from Six Feet Under was temping at a law firm or something and she was required to wear panty hose every day. Claire asked one of her coworkers if she thought it was sexist, and she replied "maybe you just haven't found the right brand yet. Mine actually *energize* me!" or something like that. Christ, I love that show. Anyway when I saw that episode I wondered if places like that really exist. Now I know.

But what about tights? Could you wear tights? I mean I guess not, if the rule is pantyhose.

Reply

theysaidwhat (//kinja.com/theysaidwhat-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:01pm
(//kinja.com/theysaidwhat-old)

I got an extremely stern lecture from my boss in Atlanta about sleeveless tops or dresses when it was 100+ degrees and told I must always wear sleeves and a jacket, even though our profession was primarily business casual. And these were not lowcut tops, no gaping across the armholes so you could peek at anything you wouldn't let your grandpa see.

So it's more common than you might think. At least he didn't tell me to wear heels every day.

Reply

summerwheatley (//kinja.com/summerwheatley... Jenni...
10/15/07 4:03pm
(//kinja.com/summerwheatley-old)

ZippyTortoise@: it's ok, I'm hooked on that show, too. Unfortunately, I don't have an answer on the pantyhose. I just look at them wearing the hose while working out and all

And WTF is up with the 'you're fat' comments...I want to punch that DCC director out! Total bitch.

Reply

effeteaesthete (//kinja.com/effeteaesthete-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:05pm
(//kinja.com/effeteaesthete-old)

OK, can someone explain the point of pantyhose to me? I get tights or patterned hose, but why wear something over your legs that still looks "nude"? And why require it unless you're a repressed, misogynist control freak who wants all the sex appeal of women's legs but none of that icky bare skin?

Reply

Jerseylicious (//kinja.com/jerseylicious-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:06pm
(//kinja.com/jerseylicious-old)

My sister went to law school in South Carolina, where a judge can kick a female lawyer out of his courtroom if she's not wearing a skirt. I'm not sure what the (wide) stance on pantyhose is, but I would lean towards yes.

This makes me appreciate my job in DC a lot— today I'm in my autumn uniform of jeans, t-shirt under a hoodie under a courduroy blazer. I pity all those poor girls I see leaving the Hill in their sweater sets and pearls (and panty hose).

Reply

type_slowly (//kinja.com/typeslowly-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:09pm
(//kinja.com/typeslowly-old)

ZippyTortoise@: I have an inexplicable love of that show. It's very weirdly engrossing. I hate the idea of these girls who would do anything to be a DCC, subjecting themselves to all this torture so they get to be totally objectified...But at the same time it's kind of

is another story.

Reply

leMaldeTete (//kinja.com/lemaldetete-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:10pm
(//kinja.com/lemaldetete-old)

Namennayo@: Oh I'm sure that can be the case, but unkempt schlubbery is NOT an option in my office. I'm no "bedecked Barbie" fyi, but it's more fun to get some enjoyment out of the code than curse it up and down.

Not all industries and workplaces concern themselves too much with personal appearance, and that's really nice in a lot of ways. TRUST me, I think it would be nice. But being completely pulled together superficially AND mentally is unbeatable in a boardroom.

Reply

hamburgerhotdog (//kinja.com/hamburgerhotd... Jenni...
10/15/07 4:13pm
(//kinja.com/hamburgerhotdog-old)

I think a lot of this has to do with the fact that young people just coming into the workplace dress down far more than they should be in a business formal setting, so you have to explicitly tell them what is and isn't okay otherwise they'll show up wearing flip-flops to meet clients. I used to work in HR and found that was the case for people just out of college—they had no idea what was and wasn't okay for the office. A lot of places have this rule in effect but rarely do they enforce it, especially in the summer.

I guess I've just been wearing them so long I've admitted defeat—the business suit has started fusing to my skin and is becoming part of me.

Reply

Sev (//kinja.com/sev-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:14pm
(//kinja.com/sev-old)

Once before I had even gone on my first job interview with a certain company, I was told over the phone that I was expected to wear skirts, hose, and high heels each day without exception. No pants allowed even in Boston in the middle of the winter. Needless to say, I declined the interview.

Reply

richcreamerybutter (//kinja.com/richcreamery... Jenn...
10/15/07 4:22pm
(//kinja.com/richcreamerybutter-old)

metropolitan@:

(ok i lied)

It's one thing to require appropriate dress, especially when meeting with clients. It's another altogether to require only women to wear panyhose with pants. Requiring heels of ANY height, clunky heels notwithstanding is completely ridiculous. You can look work-appropriate (even in a conservative environment)with tailored pants and flats.

Reply

TyChan (//kinja.com/tychan-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:23pm
(//kinja.com/tychan-old)

@ZippyTortoise: I can't believe I know this, but Hooters waitresses have to wear flesh-colored pantyhose so people won't get inadvertant glimpses of genitalia when the employees bend over in those short-shorts. I think that's why professional cheerleaders need to do it too.

Supposedly, underwear alone won't cut it.

Reply

not.a.clever.name (//kinja.com/not-a-clever-na... Jenni...
10/15/07 4:25pm

chucks are very college (although sometimes I wear them, although my job frequently includes climbing around dirt piles), but mandating daily skirt or panty hose wearing and heels seems excessive.

Reply

marybanjo (//kinja.com/marybanjo-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:27pm
(//kinja.com/marybanjo-old)

I guess the offices differ, I worked for the Republican senator and work slacks, skirts and jackets when in session, they didn't have to be suits when in session and could wear jeans, khakis, etc when on recess. My good friend worked for the Democrat senator from our home state and she had to wear suit, hose and heels every day, even when not in session.

Reply

theysaidwhat (//kinja.com/theysaidwhat-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:27pm
(//kinja.com/theysaidwhat-old)

hamburgerhotdog@: That is true! i spent some time at a small training firm and these poor kids had no idea what was appropriate dress. Cinsequentially, they were often sent home from engagements for being inappropriately dressed. And when we had to go to a client meeting? OMG! The things they would show up wearing! I came from big corporate and was the only one who seemed at home in a suit (save the client). And these poor girls would say, Gee you look so nice! *shakes head*

Reply

phrygian (//kinja.com/phrygian-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:32pm
(//kinja.com/phrygian-old)

It's not just lawmakers who fancy the pantyhose. Mary Kay HQ requires skirts/dresses, pantyhose and heels of all female employees.

no-one gives a crap what I'm wearing because it'll always be nicer than what the engineers are wearing.

Reply

BiscuitDoughJones (//kinja.com/biscuitdoughj... Jenn...
10/15/07 4:36pm
(//kinja.com/biscuitdoughjones-old)

metropolitan@: My biggest concern is that, though some of the hose can be seen, pantyhose is still classified as an UNDERgarment. Hence the 'panty' part. I'm not okay with bosses regulating what women wear under their clothes unless men's socks and undergarments are regulated also. The fact that only women's undergarments are enforced in the dress code is sexist. Also, making women wear skirts year round in the Northeast is cruel and sick. /end rant

Reply

LipService (//kinja.com/lipservice-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:39pm
(//kinja.com/lipservice-old)

I'm convinced it has something to do with the fact that if Republican women were allowed not to wear pantyhose, they'd be able to breath, if they were able to breath, they'd be able to think properly. If they were able to think properly then... well, that speaks for itself.

Reply

Cynica (//kinja.com/cynica-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:39pm
(//kinja.com/cynica-old)

Sev@: It strikes me that TPTB have hit on a sure-fire, legal way to discriminate women - just tell them they have to wear pantyhose and heels every day. It's the "are you married, do you plan to have children, and what birth control do you use" of the new millenium.

Reply

(//kinja.com/myohmy-old)

ae38@: I picked up a pair of DKNY hose recently and they were garbage (please pronounce as gar-Baaaaahhhhj). The hose pulled in the strangest way causing swirly patterns of glorious asymetry - unintentional. And they gave me a grandma basket in the crotch. I buy the No Nonsense... because I'm a no nonsense kinda gal. They last maybe 2-3 wears but they aren't expensive.

Seriously, in 2007 we can't improve this technology? Or our sociology?

Reply

k.leigh.8 (//kinja.com/k-leigh-8-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:43pm
(//kinja.com/k-leigh-8-old)

I can see requiring business dress and stating that if a woman CHOOSES to wear a dress/skirt she must wear hose, because in business formal environments, me are only permitted to wear pants.

Having to wear hose would piss me off because I can't wear them without their running.

Reply

thegreatladies (//kinja.com/thegreatladies-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:43pm
(//kinja.com/thegreatladies-old)

I worked at a private-owned, fancy smancy Ruth's Chris once. Dress requirements:

Female head manager — Full skirt suit, long skirt, white collared shirt, hose, heels.

Male managers — full suit and tie, white collared shirt, dress shoes.

Hostesses — black skirt suits with normal skirt, low black camisole, black hose, black high heels.

Male and female servers — White dinner jacket, white collared shirt, tie, black pants, black dress shoes.

ones and heels, and girl servers dressed like men.

Whatever. I made a fuck ton of money. I'll dress like a dude for that.

Reply

MyOhMy (//kinja.com/myohmy-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:44pm
(//kinja.com/myohmy-old)

BiscuitDoughJones@: I HATED the policy at my HS of boys wearing black gowns and girls wearing white. Our school colors were black and orange, for fuck's sake! Why did the ladies have to be vestile virgins? Me? I wore combat boots and purple tights with my gown. Take that, principal!

Reply

kittenfoo (//kinja.com/kittenfoo-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:47pm
(//kinja.com/kittenfoo-old)

i used to work for a government contractor back in the 80's and wore the whole skirt suit with pantyhose and heels getup every day. the last time i wore pantyhose and heels was october 8, 1989. that was the day before i had my first child. yep, nine months pregnant wearing heels and hose. after that, i decided life was way too short. i've been self-employed for years, and dress codes like those remind me why being a freelancer is awesome, even if i don't make as much money as i used to.

Reply

metronyc (//kinja.com/metropolitan) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:47pm
(//kinja.com/metropolitan)

BiscuitDoughJones@:

i meant my comment not as as support of formal wear at work, but more as "typical male horndog sexist i like to see the ladies in pantyhose and heels" sort of way

pantsuits of course)

Reply

TheGintheCity (//kinja.com/TheGintheCity) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:52pm
(//kinja.com/TheGintheCity)

ae38@: Yeah, I was gonna say... Are they going to pull down your pants and check to see that you're wearing panty hose and not just those calf-high hose-looking stockings? (I sometimes even wear those with jeans and heels in the winter) But I guess with a skirt you can't get away with that.

Reply

leMaldeTete (//kinja.com/lemaldetete-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:53pm
(//kinja.com/lemaldetete-old)

Klassy@: Yup, I feel worse for the men most days actually. They have to wear their woolen monkey suits replete with silk noosewear 365 days a year.

In the hot months I think about how much happier they'd be if they were allowed to wear formal robes as in Arabia... And then I really enjoy picturing midtown Manhattan aflutter with whirling brokers on their way to power meetings.

Reply

phrygian (//kinja.com/phrygian-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:53pm
(//kinja.com/phrygian-old)

metropolitan@: If it were up to me, the males at work would only speak when spoken too. They're so much more attractive when they're quiet and submissive. Opening their mouths blows the mystique.

/sarcasm

Reply

hamburgerhotdog (//kinja.com/hamburgerhotd... Jenni...
10/15/07 4:54pm
(//kinja.com/hamburgerhotdog-old)

Klassy@: Yeah, guys working in business formal environments don't exactly get off easy here—you MUST wear a tie at all times, have to wear a button down shirt that must be laundered and pressed between wearings and should not show sweat stains or any sort of signs of wear even though you've had a jacket over it all day. Formal shoes, while not as uncomfortable as heels, must be shined regularly.

Me, I just have a bunch of cute black dresses, nice shoes, and yeah...the hose. Mostly because they keep the office so dang cold.

Reply

BiscuitDoughJones (//kinja.com/biscuitdoughj... Jenn...
10/15/07 4:57pm
(//kinja.com/biscuitdoughjones-old)

metropolitan@: Yeah. Um, making things worse for yourself instead of better with that last. Enjoy munching on the smelly, yeasty snatch of (and massaging the aching, corn-covered feet of) and those pantyhose-and-heels clad vixens you're daydreaming about. When one suffers for another's enjoyment, both end up suffering. Believe.

Reply

Heidiismyrealname (//kinja.com/heidiismyreal... Jenn...
10/15/07 4:59pm
(//kinja.com/heidiismyrealname-old)

I almost got fired from a college job at a department store for insubordination after talking back to the store manger when he questioned my lack of panty hose. I pointed out that the store dress code said "approproate foundational garments must be worn" NOT pantyhose, and that him asking about my panties - hose or not, seemed a little like sexual harrassment.

pantyhose everyday.

Reply

Namennayo (//kinja.com/namennayo-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 5:04pm
(//kinja.com/namennayo-old)

Klassy@: When guys have to shave their legs, wear a bra, wear a thong to eliminate pantyline, wear pantyhose and heels, wear makeup, maintain their nails, and spend at least 10 minutes doing their hair (after coloring said hair), then I'll think they are under the same expectations in terms of appearance.

That's also when we'll all be too busy laughing to get any actual work done.

Reply

thegreatladies (//kinja.com/thegreatladies-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 5:19pm
(//kinja.com/thegreatladies-old)

ZippyTortoise@: OMG, terrible. Talk about hurting, sweaty feet with the hose/socks combo. Narsty.

And really, even Wal-Mart has taken to not stocking scrunch socks. I used to work there. (At Hooters. And at Wal-Mart actually...I sound classy...)

Reply

ZippyTortoise (//kinja.com/zippytortoise-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 5:20pm
(//kinja.com/zippytortoise-old)

lolly71@: (and hamburgerhotdog and BiscuitDoughJones) My little bro is a model, and for one of the shows for the most recent New York fashion week, he had to wear a g-string that said "Sexy Bastard" on it. (Which he and I thought was hilarious.) Perhaps Mr. metropolitan would benefit from a similar dress code. I know my brother certainly had more empathy for what we suffer in crazy female undergarments after that.

MyOhMy (//kinja.com/myohmy-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 5:31pm
(//kinja.com/myohmy-old)

GinaRomantica@: Oh I wish I had a basket full of felted kittens right now! A grandma basket is that lovely gap between the hose crotch and your own - I'm tall so this is a serious and constant affliction and I'm careful to buy the tallest pair I can find. Donna K didn't think I should be as tall as I am, I guess. ;)

leMaldeTete@: Thank you for that wonderful image of Arabian robes fluttering around Wall Street - somebody get a painter on that, STAT!

Reply

whodathunkit (//kinja.com/whodathunkit-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 6:03pm
(//kinja.com/whodathunkit-old)

I can't believe that no one has a clue about the "need" for pantyhose, even with pants! As a long-time admirer of the female posterior, I can tell in a second if a lady is wearing pantyhose. The subtle curves and little (hopefully) jiggle of the "natural" look are horribly distorted by the constricting nature of pantyhose. They should be illegal! That's why leg paint or knee-highs won't ever be acceptable in some offices, and that's how they know if you're cheating. No one ever explained that to you?

Reply

God's Noitalinmo (//kinja.com/god-s-noitalinmo... Jenni...
10/15/07 7:16pm
(//kinja.com/god-s-noitalinmo-old)

Namennayo@: Most of those aren't dress code requirements, right? They're just things that women feel they need to do in order to be "attractive." And yes, men also have things they need to do to be "attractive" in a traditional sense, and men's gender expectations (most involving acquiring material wealth) also suck.

Reply

(//kinja.com/crantastic-old)

I work at a conservative lobbying firm in DC and I'd say I have more leeway in what I wear than the men. They have to wear suits and ties every day all summer but I can wear skirts or light dresses with open toed shoes, no nylons necessary. I do dress for my day, which could be a suit, but even with a client facing meeting I don't wear nylons. I think this is limited to the Hill.

Reply

arigatoroboto (//kinja.com/arigatoroboto) Jennifer
10/15/07 8:15pm
(//kinja.com/arigatoroboto)

Wow. I knew some places required pantyhose, but I always think of them as being in another dimension.

I wear black slacks and a button-down shirt to work. With socks and shoes. Any kind of shoes I like. As long as I'm neat and clean I'm A-OK.

I can see having policies for conservative clothing, but I imagine that more as "black and brown closed-toe shoes" rather than "high heels." That gives me the image of a bunch of Barbie dolls on Capital Hill.

And what about skirts ever made them more professional looking than pants? Now I'm wondering if the guys at my work look at me and think how much more professional I would be if I weren't covering my legs.

Reply

atxcatrancher (//kinja.com/atxcatrancher) Jennifer
10/15/07 8:24pm
(//kinja.com/atxcatrancher)

unclesahm@: Ha!

I think the problem might be that I'm spoiled. I work in a pretty casual office in Austin, so until I got plantar fasciitis (sp?) I wore flip flops and capris or jeans to work every day.

The artist formerly known as... (//kinja.com/Danger... Jenn...
10/15/07 8:37pm
(//kinja.com/DangerousLiberal)

Namennayo@: Republicans going insane at the sight of female flesh? Puh-lease. Gotta go read Wonkette for latest updates.

And it's probably not Lisa Murkowski, so it's gotta be Liddy or Kay. Lisa M. is from *Alaska*, and I suspect she knows how to field dress a moose; I don't think ladies fashions are at the top of her agenda (or at the bottom either, but still). So I'm going with Kay.

Reply

DramaClub (//kinja.com/DramaClub) Jennifer
10/15/07 10:16pm
(//kinja.com/DramaClub)

I have severe burn scars on my legs and I never wear skirts. NEVER. I wear pantsuits with conservative loafers. Even in the offices with suit requirements, it's never been a problem. Maybe because I always wear pants to an interview and if skirts were a requirement, they wouldn't pick me anyways.

Or maybe they just assume I'm a lesbian.

Reply

groupie (//kinja.com/groupie-old) Jennifer
10/16/07 12:00am
(//kinja.com/groupie-old)

DramaClub@: Sorry to hear about the burn scars. I actually have two scars on both of my knees, from when I was around 5 years old, and I feel awkward about wearing skirts in general. I do wear dresses, but I refuse to wear pantyhose under any circumstances.

Reply

femmesavante (//kinja.com/femmesavante) Jennifer

Ok, where do I weigh on this? One, common sense says when an employer says pantyhose w/ pantsuits it means knee highs. Pantyhose w/ skirt suits just seems like common sense to me. I'm not republican ... not now nor ever EEWWW!!! But I am from Texas, until I moved to SF, I never even imagined a professional woman would deign to go out w/o pantyhose. BTW if it's 100 degrees and 100% humidity in Houston, you NEED hose, else you have dripping sweat EEWWW!

Reply

atxcatrancher (//kinja.com/atxcatrancher) Jennifer
10/16/07 9:28am
(//kinja.com/atxcatrancher)

femmesavante@: Heh - that's interesting, because all of my friends who work in nicer offices in Houston go without hose in the summer for that very same reason. It's so ridiculously hot and humid that by the end of the day, you'd be a big nylon-encased sweatball. Weird.

Reply

bookishgrrl (//kinja.com/bookishgrrl-old) Jennifer
10/16/07 2:01pm
(//kinja.com/bookishgrrl-old)

when i worked on the hill, i came across the best memo EVER while i was in union station. it was from sen. stevens' office (he of "internet is tubes" fame). it outlined the dress policy for women in his office. hose, skirt, heels and (here's the kicker) "noticeable makeup." swear on all that is holy and unholy that this is true ...

Reply

FirstForty (//kinja.com/firstforty-old) Jennifer
8/04/08 1:30pm
(//kinja.com/firstforty-old)

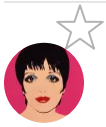
This must be the first time I have ever agreed with a Republican. Women in bare legs and feet look bad 99% of the time. I would not imagine wearing a suit to a nice event without socks. I often find it so repulsive that I have to look away from a woman's legs

Reply

richcreamerybutter (//kinja.com/richcreamery... Jenn...
10/15/07 3:42pm
(//kinja.com/richcreamerybutter-old)

I'm pretty sure there's a joke in here somewhere about repressed cross-dressing male Republicans defending this policy. I mean, if they have to endure hose on a daily basis, why shouldn't everyone?

Reply



Lizawithazee (//kinja.com/Lizawithazee) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:46pm
(//kinja.com/Lizawithazee)

This has to be crazy ass Kay Bailey Hutchison, a former cheerleader and well known pantyhose enthusiast who has previously gotten into trouble for throwing clipboards at her staff. And she seems more the type than Olympia Snowe.

Reply

richcreamerybutter (//kinja.com/richcreamery... Jenn...
10/15/07 3:46pm
(//kinja.com/richcreamerybutter-old)

last post on this, seriously...do The Republicans have a health plan that covers bunion surgery? I'm really flabbergasted that anyone is legally allowed to REQUIRE heels in this day and age.

Reply

xay (//kinja.com/xay-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:46pm
(//kinja.com/xay-old)

TPTB suggested a similar pantyhose policy at my job (state government) and we rioted. But some county governments have the same policy - absolutely inhumane in Florida.

Reply

10/15/07 3:50pm
(//kinja.com/melliejellybelly)

spray on pantyhose. A beautiful new invention - the conservative look of panty hose, without the yeast infection.

Reply

Namennayo (//kinja.com/namennayo-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:51pm
(//kinja.com/namennayo-old)

leMaldeTete@: I beg to differ. Sometimes the slightly unkempt schlubs have more game than the bedecked Barbies.

Reply

so5minutesago (//kinja.com/so5minutesago) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:52pm
(//kinja.com/so5minutesago)

I used to work as a bank teller, and I was told pretty much the same thing (though pants were okay... they had to be for $8.50/hour!). Apparently we had to look good since we were 'client facing.' So this doesn't come as a shock to me at all.

Reply

sarahjessicaporker (//kinja.com/sarahjessicap... Jenn...
10/15/07 3:58pm
(//kinja.com/sarahjessicaporker-old)

Lizawithazee@: Indeed. And Murkowski has adopted a pro-pants policy of her own, and Collins would have insisted on "pantyhothe".

Reply

not.a.clever.name (//kinja.com/not-a-clever-na... Jenni...
10/15/07 3:58pm
(//kinja.com/not-a-clever-name-old)

I understand the need for a dress code (as I sit here "dressed up" in jeans, heels and a

Reply

Leiakat (//kinja.com/leiakat-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:00pm
(//kinja.com/leiakat-old)

funnyface@: Ditto, I only have some black tights and tight-highs. And I don't even wear them often.

I doubt I've even worn pantyhose on job interview, and no one has noted on it yet.

Reply

funnyface (//kinja.com/funnyface-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:03pm
(//kinja.com/funnyface-old)

notaclevername@: Exactly. What IS the point of sheer, flesh-toned nylon? I mean, I have tights, worn for both style and warmth, but pantyhose just make me think of church ladies, cheerleaders, and Hooters girls.

Reply

FourthWaveBaby (//kinja.com/fourthwavebaby-o... Jennif...
10/15/07 4:04pm
(//kinja.com/fourthwavebaby-old)

fulanita@: ha, sorry, that last comment was in response to you, not ZippyTortoise. clicked the wrong reply link!

Reply

minamean (//kinja.com/minamean-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:04pm
(//kinja.com/minamean-old)

ZippyTortoise@: made my day. I wil end all conversations today with "keep it classy". Thank you.

hamburgerhotdog (//kinja.com/hamburgerhotd... Jenni...
10/15/07 4:04pm
(//kinja.com/hamburgerhotdog-old)

I have to wear hoisery (err..pantyhose) at both my medical and banking jobs. I've had to wear them at every job I've ever had. I thought that was commonplace if you worked in an office?

Reply

Jen82 (//kinja.com/Jen82) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:05pm
(//kinja.com/Jen82)

No, but what about REQUIRED heels? That doesn't seem fair really — coming from a girl who will wear 5 inch heels as she pleases. But the point is, I CHOOSE to walk around with my feet hurting, not that somebody makes me.

Reply

Grim Reaper of the Forest (//kinja.com/grim... Je...
10/15/07 4:06pm
(//kinja.com/grim-reaper-of-the-forest-old)

I wouldn't mind dressing for work, but I detest pantyhose. Maybe my liberal bias stems from my hatred of hosiery and uncomfortable shoes?

Reply

sluggo (//kinja.com/sluggo-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:14pm
(//kinja.com/sluggo-old)

Lizawithazee@: A note on Hutchinson's desk that pantyhose can be used to strangle someone should solve the problem.

Reply

JCSR (//kinja.com/jcsr-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:14pm

traced from toe to thigh.

Reply

PaisleyPajamas (//kinja.com/paisleypajamas-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:15pm
(//kinja.com/paisleypajamas-old)

type_slowly@: Th song! Don't forget the SONG! To Debbie Boone's *You Light Up My Life* she sang to her pantyhose, "You ride up my ass..."

Reply

metronyc (//kinja.com/metropolitan) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:16pm
(//kinja.com/metropolitan)

i'm a life long liberal/democrat, but i have to say i'm with the republicans on this one. dump the jeans and chucks, that's so college sophomore. skirts, heels and hose? you got my vote.

Reply

SarahMC (//kinja.com/sarahmc-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:16pm
(//kinja.com/sarahmc-old)

Can't say I'm surprised that Republican offices would enforce the patriarchal requirement that all women practice 100% "femininity."

Reply

Sev (//kinja.com/sev-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:16pm
(//kinja.com/sev-old)

Sev@: That's not to say that I have a problem dressing nicely. I just thought it was odd that they were stressing dress code before they met me. And I like to wear dress pants on -10 degree days.

type_slowly (//kinja.com/typeslowly-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:17pm
(//kinja.com/typeslowly-old)

PaisleyPajamas@: Oh my I can't believe I forgot that part. and Lauren Ambrose actually sang that because she's a clasically trained opera singer or something. I'm such a nerd.

Reply

iloveneville (//kinja.com/iloveneville-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:22pm
(//kinja.com/iloveneville-old)

a friend of mine once worked in an independent bookstore where they made her wear pantyhose and one time her boss made her take her shoes off for a seam-check because they were very sheer. in the twenty-first century. good god.

Reply

leaderbean (//kinja.com/leaderbean-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:27pm
(//kinja.com/leaderbean-old)

Back when the bank my mom works for was still enforcing their insane dress code she got all the female tellers to bring in doctors notes saying they couldn't wear nylons. It actually worked!

Reply

Namennayo (//kinja.com/namennayo-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:29pm
(//kinja.com/namennayo-old)

Maybe some people make such strict requirements for women because they'd prefer women not be in the workplace at all, and if they dare to show up, by God, they should suffer for it.

Reply

thegreatladies (//kinja.com/thegreatladies-old) Jennifer

BiscuitDoughJones@: You rock. We had the same rule, except dark shoes.

Luckily, they didn't have a rule that said you couldn't pass off a rubber hand to the dick head assistant principal.

Reply

not.a.clever.name (//kinja.com/not-a-clever-na... Jenni...
10/15/07 4:32pm
(//kinja.com/not-a-clever-name-old)

theysaidwhat@: What did they wear? It's people like this that make me embarrassed to be lumped in with them.

Reply

RinTinSin (//kinja.com/rintinsin-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:39pm
(//kinja.com/rintinsin-old)

SarahMC@: Me neither, MC. Me neither. No shock. Sorry Jezebellers, no sympathy for your Republican friend that has to wear pantyhose. Which are totally fucking gross. Ew.

Reply

LittleBlackFly (//kinja.com/littleblackfly-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:43pm
(//kinja.com/littleblackfly-old)

Namennayo@: Not to cut them too much slack, but I imagine that places that have strict female dress codes also have one for the guys. I.e. a strict suit/tie/dress shoes policy.

Reply

GinaRomantica (//kinja.com/ginaromantica-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:44pm
(//kinja.com/ginaromantica-old)

stacyinbean@: Fuckers. Not everyone at that there Unversity is so rigid, though. Where I worked had no dress code, none atall. I used to regularly wear a sash that said "Vice

GinaRomantica (//kinja.com/ginaromantica-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:47pm
(//kinja.com/ginaromantica-old)

MyOhMy@:

What is a grandma basket?? It sounds very nice. Like it would be full of small felted kitties and lemon drops.

Reply

Sassette (//kinja.com/sassette-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 4:49pm
(//kinja.com/sassette-old)

ZippyTortoise@: Actually, those stockings are usually to even out everyone's leg skin color so that when they do kicklines it looks more uniform. I had to wear them in highschool.

Reply

metronyc (//kinja.com/metropolitan) Jennifer
10/15/07 5:21pm
(//kinja.com/metropolitan)

phrygian@:

i'd wear thongs to work if i was asked to.

but then again, i'm wearing a thong right now.

Reply

mizzal (//kinja.com/mizzal-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 8:32pm
(//kinja.com/mizzal-old)

WTF HEELS? I think that's even worse than hose. Hose are just leg coverings, and if guys can't wear shorts, whatever. That doesn't get me as much as the heels do. Ugh

atxcatrancher (//kinja.com/atxcatrancher) Jennifer
10/15/07 8:47pm
(//kinja.com/atxcatrancher)

thegreatladies@: I worked at Wal-Mart for a little while and I did a stint as a dancer. No, not ballet. Class has nothing to do with what you do to bring in the benjamins, honey.

Reply

goodcheapfun (//kinja.com/goodcheapfun-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 11:41pm
(//kinja.com/goodcheapfun-old)

Pantyhose are oppressive. I HATE them. I can dress appropriately but if someone told me what to wear, beyond don't look like a whore, I would find that a violation of my civil liberties. Shocking, it's on the hill.

Reply

GinaRomantica (//kinja.com/ginaromantica-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:43pm
(//kinja.com/ginaromantica-old)

stacyinbean@: Was said endowment in the neighborhood of $35 billion?

Reply

summerwheatley (//kinja.com/summerwheatley… Jenni…
10/15/07 3:51pm
(//kinja.com/summerwheatley-old)

Anonymous Lobbyist@: I'm with you on the KBH. She has people who carry her purse for her!

Reply

habibi (//kinja.com/habibi-old) Jennifer
10/15/07 3:53pm
(//kinja.com/habibi-old)

(//kinja.com/sarahjessicaporker-old)
sarahjessicaporker (//kinja.com/sarahjessicap... Jenn...
10/15/07 3:57pm

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An Unhinged Ranking of All Taylor Swift's 107 Surprise Songs on the U.S. Leg of The Eras Tour

I can already hear the roar of Swifties yelling at me for where I ranked "New Romantics"—but I'm not calling this an unhinged ranking because it makes sense.

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give you: Karlie Kloss at the final Los Angeles show on Wednesday—the same night she announced *1989 Taylor's Version*. There's *a lot* going on at the moment. (Sorry.)

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